

Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. A graphical display system for use with a point-of-sale system operated in a pizza restaurant, the display system comprising:

- an image generator connected to a point-of-sale system, the image generator capable of generating visual images of cooked and uncooked pizzas;
- 5 - one or more customer display monitors connected to the image generator and positioned at one or more customer order stations for displaying an image of a cooked pizza ordered by the customer toward permitting the customer to confirm the correctness of the order;
- one or more kitchen display monitors connected to the image generator and
10 positioned at a food preparation station for displaying an image of a pizza ordered by the customer in its raw uncooked form toward permitting the accurate preparation of the pizza ordered by the customer; and
- one or more packing station display monitors connected to the image
15 generator and positioned at a packing station for displaying an image of a pizza after cooking toward insuring that the correct pizza is delivered to the correct customer.

2. The graphical display system according to Claim 1 wherein the images generated by the image generator are photo-realistic images.

3. The graphical display system according to Claim 1 wherein the images generated by the image generator are still images.

4. The graphical display system according to Claim 1 wherein the images generated by the image generator are generated from a stored database of discrete images.

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5. The graphical display system according to Claim 1 wherein the customer display monitor displays promotional offers to the customer.

6. The graphical display system according to Claim 1 wherein the customer display monitor presents to the customer an indication of how many people can be fed by the food item ordered.

7. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant, the display system comprising:

- an image generator connected to a point-of-sale system, the image generator capable of generating visual images of cooked and uncooked food items;
- a customer display monitor disposed to display to a customer a photo-realistic image of the cooked food items ordered by the customer;
- a kitchen display monitor positioned at the food preparation station for

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displaying a photo-realistic image of food items ordered by the customer in its raw uncooked form; and

- a packing display monitor positioned at the packing station for displaying a photo-realistic image of the cook food ordered by the customer toward insuring that the correct food is delivered to the correct customer.

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8. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 7 wherein the customer display monitor is positioned at the customer order station.

9. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 7 wherein the customer display monitor is a PDA is capable of displaying color images.

10. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 7 wherein the customer display monitor is a cell phone capable of displaying a color image.

11. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 7 wherein the customer display monitor is positioned proximate a drive through lane toward presenting a visual image viewable by an individual in a motor vehicle..

12. A method for confirming the correctness of an order for pizza placed by a customer, the method comprising the steps of:

- accepting a customer order for a pizza with specific ingredients;
- inputting the customer's order into a computer based point-of-sale order entry system;
- displaying a photo-realistic image of the pizza ordered by the customer toward permitting the customer to confirm the accuracy of the order as entered into the point-of-sale system;
- accepting the customer's confirmation of the accuracy of the order as entered; and
- forwarding the customer's order to the kitchen for preparation and cooking.

13. The method according to Claim 12 further including the step of:

- displaying to kitchen employees a photo-realistic image of a pizza ordered by the customer in its uncooked form toward permitting the kitchen to accurately prepare the pizza as ordered by the customer.

14. The method according to Claim 12 further including the step of:

- displaying to kitchen employees a photo-realistic image of a pizza ordered by the customer in cooked form toward permitting the kitchen to accurately match the cooked pizza to the proper customer's order.

15. A graphical display system for use with a point-of-sale system operated in a pizza restaurant, the display system comprising:

- an image generator connected to a point-of-sale system, the image generator capable of generating visual images of cooked pizzas; and

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- one or more display monitors positioned at customer order stations for displaying to the customer a photo-realistic image of the cooked pizza ordered by the customer toward permitting the customer to confirm the correctness of the order as entered into the point-of-sale system.

16. A graphical display system for use in a pizza restaurant, the display system comprising:

- an image generator connected to a point-of-sale system, the image generator capable of generating visual images of uncooked pizzas; and

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- one or more display monitors positioned at a food preparation station for displaying to the kitchen employees a photo-realistic image of a pizza ordered by the customer in uncooked form toward facilitating the accurate and uniform preparation of the pizza.

17. A graphical display system for use in a pizza restaurant comprising:

- an image generator connected to a point-of-sale system, the image generator capable of generating visual images of cooked pizzas; and

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- one or more display monitors positioned at a packing station for displaying to the kitchen employees a photo-realistic image of the cooked pizza ordered by the customer toward matching the cooked pizza with the correct customer's

order, to in turn, insure that the correct pizza is delivered to the correct customer.

18. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 15 wherein the display monitor is positioned at the customer order station.

19. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 15 wherein the display monitor is a PDA is capable of displaying color images.

20. A graphical display system for use in a restaurant according to Claim 15 wherein the display monitor is a cell phone capable of displaying a color image.